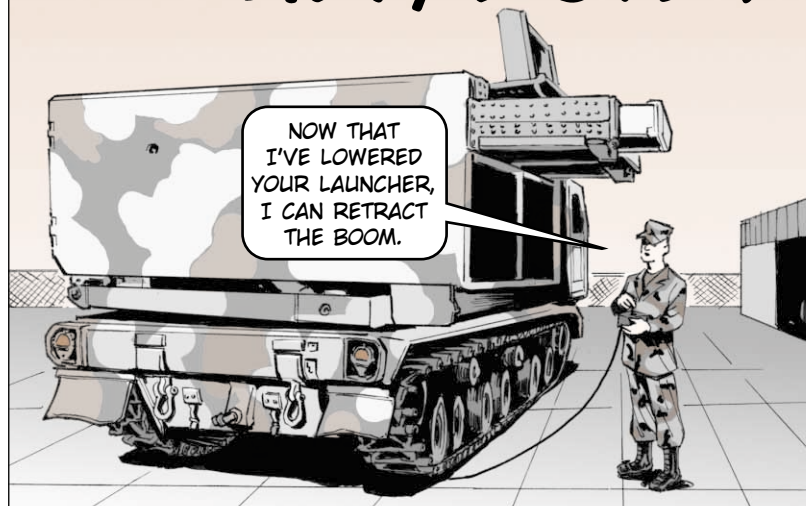


HEY, DON'T

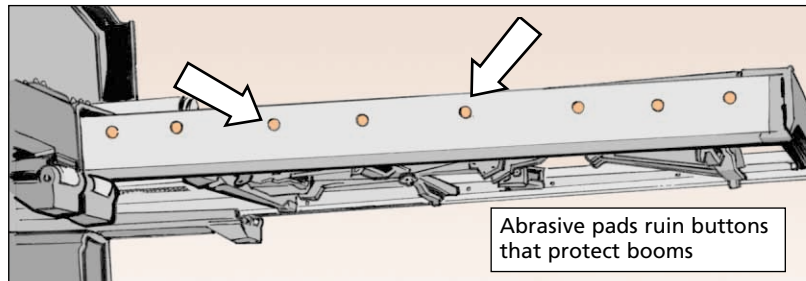


Sometimes crews unknowingly do things that seriously hurt their MLRS. Those actions fall into the "Hey, Don't Do That" category.

For instance:

CLP and abrasive pads—Some units try to dress up the MLRS with CLP and abrasive pads. Bad move! CLP on CARC paint makes it easier for enemy radar to detect you, plus it can cause the paint to flake off.

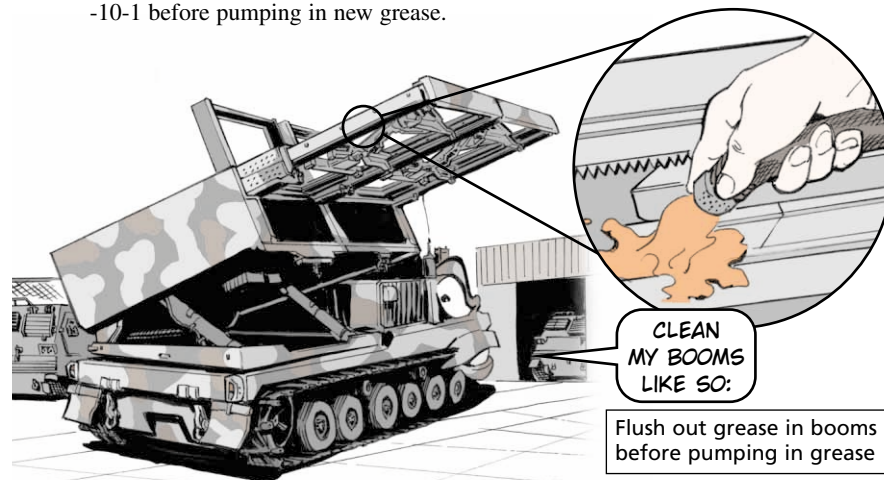
Abrasive pads take the protective coating from stuff like the boom rails and actuators. No coating means corrosion is on the way. Plus the pads can ruin the buttons that protect the booms against friction when they're moved. All the cleaning info you need is in Para 3-9 of TM 9-1425-646-10-1.



DO THAT!

Old grease—If you don't remove the old grease from the booms before you pump in clean grease, you're not doing your MLRS any favors. The old grease has sand and dirt in it that turns grease into a gunky scouring agent. The grease grinds up gears and makes it hard for the boom's moving parts to move. The boom motor wears out quickly.

Flush and wipe out the old grease like it shows on Pages 3-35 through 3-38 in -10-1 before pumping in new grease.



Retracting booms—If you retract the booms while the launcher's elevated, the mechanism that activates the blast shield doors will be damaged from the strain of closing the doors from that angle.

